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The following is a report on Soviet border guard activities between Post-i-Khojeh and Bulan in the Dushak area for 19-29 May 1953.

Patrols and Military Activity

- 1. 19 May Observation Hours 0500 to 1830
  - 0510 2 mounted soldiers rode from Bulan to Post-i-Shurjeh
  - 0620 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Khojeh to Post-i-Shurjeh
  - 0730 2 soldiers carrying rifles walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh
  - 0830 Above soldiers returned from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh
  - 1730 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Khojeh
  - 1800 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Bulan

- 20 May Observation Hours 0505 to 1800
  - 0600 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Bulan
  - 0610 2 soldiers carrying rifles walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Daveh Dashi
  - 0715 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Khojeh to Post-i-Shurjeh
  - 0800 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Qurry Darband
  - 1000 Above soldiers returned from Qurry Darband to Post-i-Shurjeh
  - 1100 2 soldiers returned from Daveh Dashi to Post-i-Shurjeh
  - 1800 2 mounted soldiers rode from Bulan to Post-i-Shurjeh

- 21 May Observation Hours 0500 to 1730
  - 0530 2 mounted soldiers rode from Bulan to Post-i-Shurjeh
  - 0615 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Khojeh to Post-i-Shurjeh
  - 0730 3 groups of soldiers were observed engaging in military exercises near Malek Azhdar
  - 1200 Above 3 groups of soldiers returned to Dushak

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1730 2 soldiers walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh  
 1730 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Bulan

26 MayObservation Hours 0500 to 1730

0630 2 mounted soldiers rode from Bulan to Post-i-Shurjeh  
 0630 2 soldiers observed at Daven Dashi inspecting the plowed strip  
 0740 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Khojeh to Post-i-Shurjeh  
 0800 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Qurry Darband  
 0810 1 mounted soldier rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Qurry Darband  
 0930 Above 3 soldiers returned from Qurry Darband to Post-i-Shurjeh  
 1720 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Bulan  
 1800 2 soldiers walked from Qurry Darband to Post-i-Shurjeh

Other Activities

2. Work on the barbed-wire fence has not been resumed and the status remains the same as reported previously.<sup>1</sup>
3. The soldiers at Post-i-Bulan have started repairing and building new barracks at the post.
4. A mud wall has been constructed on the south and east sides of Post-i-Shurjeh. The wall is approximately four meters high and 50 meters long on the south side, and four meters high and 30 meters long on the east side.

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[ ] Comment: Observations were suspended from 22 May through 25 May and rain prevented observations from 27 May through 29 May 1953.

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